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1. AD HOC R&D GROUP MET IN HAMBURG MAY 15 WITH ELEVEN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS OECD AND NEA REPRESENTED. MAIN DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON REPORTS OF TEN EXPERT GROUPS AND ON INITIAL DRAFT OF R&D REPORT TO ECG.

2. COAL EXPERTS HAD PREVIOUSLY MET IN LONDON MAY 10 AND EXPERTS COVERING NINE OTHER AREAS MET IN HAMBURG MAY 13-14 TO ELABORATE PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION ORIGINALLY TABLED BY LEAD COUNTRIES AT APRIL 25 MEETING (REFTEL). APPROXIMATELY 70 EXPERTS REPRESENTING ALL AD HOC GROUP PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE TEN SESSIONS. ALL EXPERT REPORTS IDENTIFIED IN VARYING DETAILS POTENTIAL AREAS FOR INCREASED COOPERATION. SEVERAL IDENTIFIED SPECIFIC PROJECTS (E.G., REACTOR SAFETY). MEMBERS OF AD HOC GROUP WERE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE COMMENTS TO CHAIRMEN OF EXPERT GROUPS BY MAY 21. CHAIRMEN THEN TO SUBMIT FINAL VERSIONS THEIR REPORTS TO SECRETARIAT BY MAY 28.

3. UK, US AND FRG PREPARED INITIAL DRAFT OF FINAL REPORT ON MAY 14. THIS DRAFT RECEIVED MINIMAL DISCUSSION AND APPEARED ACCEPTABLE. MOST DISCUSSIONS CENTERED AROUND SECTION OF REPORT DEALING WITH POSSIBLE FOLLOW-ON

MECHANISMS. DRAFT REPORT SET OUT FOUR POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES. NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS SUGGESTED THAT AD HOC GROUP MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON ONE OF ALTERNATIVES, NAMELY TO REMAND FOLLOW-ON TO OECD POSSIBLY RESTRUCTURED TO COPE WITH OVERALL ENERGY PROBLEMS AND R&D PROGRAMS. US DEL STATED THAT A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION AS TO A FOLLOW-ON MECHANISM WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AND AD HOC GROUP SHOULD DIRECT ITS EFFORTS TO PRESENTING ECG WITH SEVERAL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES CLEARLY NOTING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF EACH.

4. DELEGATIONS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON DRAFT REPORT TO SECRETARIAT BY MAY 28. CHAIRMAN SCHMIDT-KUESTER UNDERTOOK TO CIRCULATE COMPLETED DRAFT REPORT WITH ALL APPENDICES BY MAY 31.

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5. FINAL MEETING ON JUNE 6 IN BONN TO REVIEW AND APPROVE AD HOC GROUP REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO ECG AT THEIR JUNE 17 MEETING. RUSH

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